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Subject: Weekly News Roundup, October 14, 2016

Good morning,

A bit of news to start the day.

1. **Meet The 16-Year-Old Climate Change Activist Suing The U.S. Government**, October 13, 2016

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lonnie-nadler/meet-the-16-year-old-climate_b_12473396.html

“Xiuhtezcatl Martinez is a 16-year-old, indigenous hip-hop artist hailing from Boulder, Colorado. He also happens to be one of the most vocal climate change activists out there today. Martinez is the youth director of the Earth Guardians, “a tribe of young activists,” looking to change the world now for the sake of the future generations who will inherit the planet.”

2. **Flooding from hurricane hits lower-income North Carolina residents hard**, October 11, 2016

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/flooding-from-hurricane-hits-lower-income-north-carolina-residents-hard/2016/10/11/05efb218-8feb-11e6-9c85-ac42097b8cc0_story.html

“During her first night of homelessness, Phyllis Heywood retreated to the far corner of a windowless high school gym and slept on the hardwood floor. The noise of several hundred others woke her up after just a few hours, and so Heywood walked into a bathroom stall, hung her clothing on a hook and bathed herself with a soapy rag. She rinsed with two bottles of water.”

3. **6 years after Deepwater Horizon oil spill, thousands of people are still sick**, October 10, 2016

<https://grist.org/article/6-years-after-deepwater-horizon-oil-spill-thousands-of-people-are-still-sick/>

“The oil spill, the worst in maritime history, dumped 4.2 million barrels of oil, and officials

released 1.8 million gallons of Corexit, a chemical dispersant used to break up the oil, into the Gulf before the well was sealed. Six years later, controversy still rages about the wisdom of carpet-bombing the Gulf with these chemicals, and newly released documents reveal that government scientists expressed concern at the time about the health consequences of mixing such large quantities of dispersants with the millions of barrels of sweet crude.”

4. **Ranchers Tote Guns as Tribes Dig In for Long Pipeline Fight**, October 10, 2016

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/11/us/tribes-protest-oil-pipeline-north-dakota.html?ref=energy-environment&r=0>

“As the first deep freeze looms, many here are bracing for a long fight as the company behind the Dakota Access pipeline races to finish the \$3.7 billion project by January, and thousands of protesters tucked into tents, tepees and trailers in prairie camps vow to stop it. “This is where we are, and where we’re staying,” Retha Henderson said, surveying a bustling camp on the edge of the Cannonball River. “We’re not giving up.”

5. **Kentucky county often can't drink the water, when there is any**, October 7, 2016

<http://www.kentucky.com/news/politics-government/article106649457.html>

“The people of eastern Martin County never know what they’ll get when they turn on their faucets. It might be nothing; their tap might be dry. Or they might get spurts of gray, brown or yellow liquid peppered with crud. They might get a milky fluid with a harsh odor that contains excessive levels of disinfectant chemical byproducts. Or they might get clean drinking water.”

Best wishes,

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